

It is now three years and six months since the first appearance of Kamloops Wawa, May 2nd, 1891. Of this issue, only 100 copies were distributed; the most of which had to be given away, there being very few persons with interest enough in the publication to offer their subscription. The paper had even to be discontinued after 4 months, until Feb. 2nd., 1892, when it reappeared as a weekly letter of four pages, this idea having been suggested by multiplied correspondence among the Indians. The first week 50 copies were issued, the following week 75, then, 100; and so on to 200, which number was the limit reached until January 1st, 1893, when it was increased to 300, and continued on this scale until March 1894, when 500 had to be printed, then 600, 750, 1000, and at last 1200 from May till Dec. 1894.

Kamloops Wawa now begins its fourth year with a monthly circulation of 2000 copies.

It considers its first duty to thank God for the blessings He deigned to confer on it, and which, it has been the means of extending to numbers of people.

It has also the happiness of attesting its gratitude to our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII, who bestowed on it a special blessing on the occasion of Bishop Durieu's last visit *ad Limina*.

It has also to express its deep thankfulness and devotedness to His Lordship, Bishop Durieu who helped its beginnings, enlightened its editing, and contributed to its pages such a large amount of beautiful chinook matter. Kamloops Wawa is proud of having the honor to perpetuate those pages of the Chinook Bible History (Old and New Testament) the fruit of so many hours of His Lordship's devoted labor.

Thanks also to the very Rev. Father Soullier, Sup. Gen. of O. M. I., whose encouraging visit last summer was so quickly succeeded by the transformation of this paper from a poor production of a mineograph to the most attractive form of photo-engraving.

Thanks also to the Rev. Fathers of the mission's in different districts, through whose kind interest in Kamloops Wawa, the knowledge of the new writing, has been imparted to their respective flocks.

Heart-felt thanks also to all our friends, far and near, who have recently taken so lively an interest in our work. For each and all, let us say at the beginning of the New Year. "Vouchsafe, O Lord, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good for Thy name's sake!"

We offer you this new copy of "Kamloops Wawa", trusting you will receive it with the same kindness to which you have of late accustomed us.

We had so much matter for our monthly budget, that we had to reduce it to 1216, making that page equal to 16 ordinary pages in shorthand, and to 32 pages of common English reading. The Shushwap Indians were so delighted with the contents of a similar page in the November number, that they made their young men write it out in large characters, that whosoever wished, might copy it for private study.

Two photo-engravings appear in this number: one His Lordship Bishop Durieu; the other, a group of Shushwap Indians.

An English method of the Duployan Phonography is given, complete in three pages. It by no means pretends to compete with the other learned systems of short hand in vogue among the American and European people; but it offers a simple explanation of the system used in this paper to teach the Indians, and others to read and write English as well as their own idiom.

These lessons may also be precious to numbers of persons, who, not having sufficient time for the study of the higher systems of short hand would nevertheless wish for a more speedy way of transcribing their notes than the long hand.

In the two pages of catechism; one side, Chinook and English in Phonography and the other bearing the English text in full type, it is obvious how practical is this system of short hand to bring the natives to the knowledges of English reading and writing.

(For more English reading see pages 14 and 15.)

And now, kind readers, who would wish to give your write towards the propagating of the good news of the Gospel, you will not, we know, hesitate to send us your subscription for the coming year. What to you is a trifle, given from your abundance, will be to us a great help in our need.

The cost of the issue of the paper, each month, is from \$50 to \$60; and we rely on the help of your generosity both in contributing your own share and engaging your friends to imitate you.

May the blessing of God be with you always.

J. M. R.